Office is placed on the Council table and the information can be had therefrom.

STAFF SELECTION BOARD—ACTING HANDS—PREFERENCE FOR.

107. Mr. T. V. Subramania Ayyar *(Nemmara)*: Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether there is not a rule that acting hands should be given preference for appointment by the Staff Selection;

(*b*) whether the Staff Selection Board has been invariably following the rule;

(*c*) have fresh hands been appointed when there were thrown-out hands;

(*d*) if so, why such hands were recruited against the rule?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government)*:

(*a*) Yes, there is a rule that as between candidates of the same community preference will ordinarily be given to those who have had approved acting service;

(*b*) Yes, subject to certain exceptions.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) To give them a chance to enter Government service before they were age-barred.

STAFF SELECTION BOARD—ARTICLE REGARDING ITS WORKING.

108. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether they have noted the article which appeared in the "Deepam" dated 26th November 1938 in the letters to the editor column under the caption "Staff Selection Board" ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട ശമ്പേണ്ടിന്റെയും എം. എൽ. സി. മാരുടെയും ശ്രദ്ധക്ക്";

(*b*) will the Government be pleased to place that article on the Council table;

(*c*) whether the Government has taken any action to redress the grievance brought forth in that article;

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government)*:

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes, a copy is placed on the Council table.

(*c*) All that is possible is being done.

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